

A terrible tragedy occurred on the morning of Tuesday, February 12, 2013 that was an irreparable situation for the family. We want to inform the public that Nerlin Sarmiento was under psychiatric treatment and medical care for severe depression extreme distress with the Grey Nuns Hospital for the last two years. We have to acknowledge that the public health system, prescribed medications, patient support and the prevention in this type of situation have failed us and that the province has abandoned us. We felt we were discriminated against going through difficult obstacles and financial hardship in order to obtain dignity in this country. We trusted the psychiatric help from this country but it was not enough.

The media have made many versions of the story but as a family that has to go through this day to day, we are certain that Nerlin Sarmiento loved her son Omar and that she was not in her right state of mind and lost sight of herself under her prescribed medication. Her treatment was wrongly prescribed, considering her fragile and vulnerable state. We are requesting full consideration that we did not receive enough professional support from the medical institutions and there is not enough evidence to prove this wrongful accusation against Nerlin. As a family, our opinion is that she is innocent because she was not responsible for her actions. She is a loving mother, wife and daughter who put her children's needs before her own.

I want to thank the Latin community for their strong support and to let them know that we are thankful for their solidarity.

Omar Jajoy, we love you and will remember you for the rest of our lives.


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